

Great Lakes Ports *and* Regional Growth

Integrating Environmental Health and Economic Prosperity

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What: Great Lakes Ports and Regional Growth Conference
When: November 18-19, 2013
Where: Monday, Nov. 18: Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, 230 S. LaSalle St.. Third Floor
Tuesday, Nov. 19: Palmer House Hilton Hotel, 17 E. Monroe St., Adams Ballroom

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources, in partnership with the Great Lakes Commission, the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the Council of Great Lakes Governors is convening a conference in Chicago to advance the field of port management and development in Illinois and throughout the Great Lakes/St. Lawrence Seaway marine transportation system. **“Great Lakes Ports and Regional Growth: Integrating environmental health and economic prosperity”** will be a two-day, invitation-only session held at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago and the Palmer House Hilton Hotel involving 120 participants representing Great Lakes/Seaway port authorities, regional finance and economic development institutions, freight, logistics and transportation interests, industries served by waterborne commerce, environmental protection agencies and non-governmental organizations. The objectives of this event will be to explore new approaches to maximizing the Great Lakes/Seaway maritime assets of Illinois and the other Great Lakes states and Canadian provinces of Ontario and Québec, while protecting and enhancing the Great Lakes water resource.

Security Advisory: Event policy at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago requires acceptable photo identification (driver's license, state ID, or passport) for all conference attendees, including media representatives.

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